



CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for a catalog feature in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
 - 4 b) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
 - 5 c) generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based
6 interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of the supply chain,
7 wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to facilitate the
8 generation of the electronic order form.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of raw products
2 from which the goods are produced.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of distributors
2 from which the raw products can be ordered.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the catalog displays a comparison of performance
2 of the distributors.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the performance is calculated based on the data.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the catalog includes links to additional network-
2 based interfaces relating to suppliers.
- 1 7. A system for a catalog feature in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4 network;
5 b) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
6 c) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the
7 network-based interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of the
8 supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to
9 facilitate the generation of the electronic order form.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of raw products
2 from which the goods are produced.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of distributors
2 from which the raw products can be ordered.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the catalog displays a comparison of performance
2 of the distributors.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the performance is calculated based on the data.

1 12. The system of claim 9, wherein the catalog includes links to additional network-
2 based interfaces relating to suppliers.

1 13. A computer program product for a catalog feature in a supply chain management
2 framework, comprising:

- 3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4 utilizing a network;
5 b) computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the
6 data; and
7 c) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing
8 the network-based interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of



9 the supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to
10 facilitate the generation of the electronic order form.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the catalog displays a
2 plurality of raw products from which the goods are produced.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the catalog displays a
2 plurality of distributors from which the raw products can be ordered.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog displays a
2 comparison of performance of the distributors.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the performance is
2 calculated based on the data.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog includes links to
2 additional network-based interfaces relating to suppliers.